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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S.C. Cottrille et al. Attorney Docket No. MSFT117229  
Application No.: 09/339,733 Group Art Unit: 2176  
Filed: June 24, 1999 Examiner: A.D.C. Romero  
Title: SCALABLE COMPUTING SYSTEM FOR  
MANAGING ANNOTATIONS

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X   1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.  
       2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

**COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	28	Minus	28	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	6	Minus	6	=	0	x	84	=	0.00

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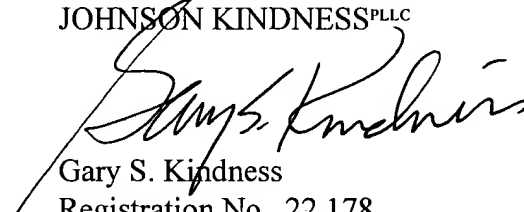
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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Respectfully submitted,

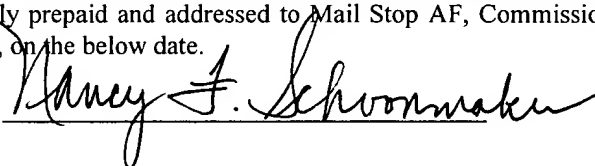
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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